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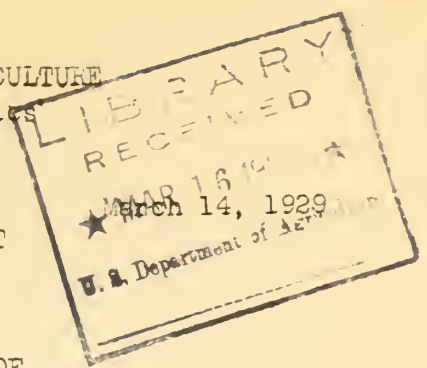
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THE BRITISH ORANGE IMPORT TRADE

British imports of oranges in 1928 amounted to the equivalent of 12,440,000 boxes of 70 pounds each as compared with 12,632,000 boxes in 1927, according to statistics issued by the British Empire Marketing Board and received in the Foreign Service of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics. The principal sources of supply for the oranges imported into the British market are Spain, Palestine, British South Africa, the United States, Italy and Brazil. The decline in imports during 1928 was the result of a reduction in imports from the United States, Palestine and Italy. While the decline in the imports from these three sources was appreciable, it was offset to a large extent by the increase in imports from Spain, British South Africa and Brazil.

Seasonal movement of supplies

The bulk of the oranges imported into the United Kingdom comes in during the months November to June when supplies from the Mediterranean countries, particularly Spain, Palestine and Italy, are available. Imports during the four months July to October are very much lighter than during the rest of the year. It is chiefly during this season of relatively low supplies that American oranges are shipped to the British market.

American trade increasing

Imports of American oranges into the British market have been increasing since the war. During the five years 1909-1913 the imports of American oranges into the United Kingdom averaged 60,000 boxes annually. Imports in 1927 amounted to 690,000 boxes. The very light crop and high prices of oranges in the United States during 1928, however, was reflected in reduced British imports of American oranges last year. Imports from this country during 1928 amounted to only about 170,000 boxes.

United States oranges meet new competition

About the only competition which American oranges have had to meet on the British market in the past during the four month period July to October, when supplies are relatively small, was from British South Africa. In the past two years, however, there has been a significant increase in imports from Brazil, a relatively new source of supply. Imports from Brazil in 1928 amounted to 141,000 boxes as compared with 30,000 boxes in 1927. Imports in 1926 were practically negligible.

Increasing supplies from Empire sources

As in the case of many of the other products imported into the British market, efforts have been made since the war to popularize oranges from Empire sources. In 1923 only about 13 per cent of the oranges imported into the United Kingdom came from Empire sources. By 1928 the Empire share of the total had increased to approximately 22 per cent, mainly from Palestine and British South Africa.

Statistics given in the following tables show that orange supplies on the British market are heavy from November to June, but relatively light from July to October and that supplies from the United States, South Africa and Brazil are available on the British market mainly during the season of relatively low supplies, or at the end of the Mediterranean shipping season. The extent to which imports from Empire sources have been increasing since 1923 is also indicated. All of the figures have been converted from hundred weights of 112 pounds to a uniform basis of boxes of 70 pounds each.

ORANGES: Imports into the United Kingdom, by months, 1924-1928

Month	1924	1925	1926	1927	1928
	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
	<u>boxes</u>	<u>boxes</u>	<u>boxes</u>	<u>boxes</u>	<u>boxes</u>
Jan	1,582	2,208	1,942	1,466	1,770
Feb	1,354	1,787	1,381	1,766	2,026
Mar	1,792	2,133	2,286	1,971	1,650
Apr	1,544	1,594	1,414	1,302	1,776
May	1,555	1,091	954	920	1,227
June	895	477	1,117	685	694
July	371	217	626	486	293
Aug	189	214	262	230	205
Sept	104	158	146	275	208
Oct	120	194	157	365	291
Nov	523	392	357	805	673
Dec	2,003	1,901	2,115	2,378	1,627
Total	12,032	12,366	12,757	12,649	12,440

Source: Empire Marketing Board, "Weekly Fruit Intelligence Notes", Vol. II, No. 27.

ORANGES: Imports into the United Kingdom, by countries of origin, 1928

Month	: Palestine: : and : Egypt	: South : Africa	: Spain : and : Italy	: United : States	: Brazil	: Other : countries	: Total
	: 1,000 : boxes	: 1,000 : boxes	: 1,000 : boxes	: 1,000 : boxes	: 1,000 : boxes	: 1,000 : boxes	: 1,000 : boxes
Jan	309	-	1,451	2	-	8	1,770
Feb	494	-	1,496	6	-	30	2,026
Mar	293	-	1,339	10	-	8	1,650
Apr	431	-	1,328	10	-	7	1,776
May	29	3	1,166	27	2	-	1,227
June	-	53	600	14	14	13	694
July	-	192	56	18	19	8	293
Aug	-	138	8	16	31	12	205
Sept	-	149	3	24	27	5	208
Oct	3	200	2	27	43	16	291
Nov	109	115	393	10	2	44	674
Dec	160	14	1,440	6	3	4	1,627
Total	1,828	864	9,282	170	141	155	12,440

Source: Empire Marketing Board, "Weekly Fruit Intelligence Notes", Vol. II, No. 27.

ORANGES: Imports into the United Kingdom from Empire and Foreign Sources

Origin	: 1923	: 1924	: 1925	: 1926	: 1927	: 1928
	: 1,000 : boxes	: 1,000 : boxes	: 1,000 : boxes	: 1,000 : boxes	: 1,000 : boxes	: 1,000 : boxes
BRITISH COUNTRIES						
Palestine	1,104	1,288	1,560	1,606	2,174	1,765
British South Africa:	334	437	682	605	838	864
British West Indies:	117	96	112	138	98	46
Other countries	43	35	41	6	13	11
Total British	1,598	1,856	2,395	2,355	3,123	2,686
FOREIGN COUNTRIES						
Spain	10,359	9,834	9,616	9,754	8,466	9,210
United States	47	128	45	250	690	170
Italy	101	90	93	86	147	72
Brazil	-	-	-	-	30	141
Other countries	97	124	217	312	181	161
Total foreign	10,604	10,176	9,971	10,402	9,514	9,754
Total	12,202	12,032	12,366	12,757	12,637	12,440

Source: Empire Marketing Board, "Weekly Fruit Intelligence Notes", Vol. II, No. 27.

